

Rain Swift, RN & EMT of Aiea, HI  
James Tarver, Assistant Operations Supervisor of Natchez, MS

Wendy Unmacht, Paramedic of Nashville, TN

Joshua Young, Flight Respiratory Therapist of Perrysburg, OH

Carlos Valdez Acosta-Meza, Paramedic Supervisor of San Diego County, CA

Micheline Allaire Clement, Flight Nurse of Ypsilanti, MI

Renata Baboolal, EMT of Trinidad and Tobago

Frank Berlanga, Paramedic of Nashville, TN

Darla Biggerstaff, Paramedic of Waco, TX

Lance Blythe, Flight Paramedic of Fayette County, GA

Jeffery Boyd, Operations Supervisor of Linn County, KS

Eric Bradshaw, Firefighter/Paramedic of Knoxville, TN

Kyle Brule, Lead Paramedic of Stone Mountain, GA

James Burns, EMT of Seattle, WA

Pete Carlson, Paramedic Field Training Officer of Multnomah and Josephine counties, OR

Jason Dau, Flight Nurse of Kotzebue, AK

Dubravka Frost, Paramedic of Contra Costa County, CA

Michael Gibson, Flight Nurse of Salinas, CA

Cathy Heikes, Flight Nurse of Dodge City, KS

Kimberly Hiner, EMT of Hemet, CA

Brooke Holoubek, Flight Nurse of Napa, CA

Franchon Jackson, Dispatch Communications Supervisor of Jackson, MS

Bryanna Johnson, Base Clinical Nurse Lead of Harrisburg, IL

Daniel MacDowell, Reserve Firefighter of Grants Pass, OR

Cassandra Moreno, EMT of Tucson, AZ

Nicole Piazza, Paramedic of West Hartford, CT

Jack Rathgeber, Field Supervisor of Alamogordo, NM

KC Robbins, Paramedic Supervisor of Macomb, IL

Dylan Schoch, Paramedic of Prescott, AZ

Robert Sebree, Paramedic of Ventura County, CA

Lauren Van Damme, Fixed Wing Pilot of Greenville, SC

Mario Vialpando, Field Training Officer of Pueblo, CO

Lauri Wempen, Flight Paramedic of Riverton, WY

Todd Wobbe, Paramedic of Belleville, IL

Posthumous Honors

Jacob Dindinger, EMT of Tucson, AZ

Clifford Fontaine, AEMT of Las Vegas, NV

William Levi, AEMT of Las Vegas, NV

#### TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL SARA JOYNER

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, I rise today to wish to recognize and congratulate Rear Admiral Sara Joyner of the U.S. Navy on her faithful service to our Nation as the Department of the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs from May 2020 to May 2022.

An amazing leader and warfighter, Rear Admiral Joyner demonstrated outstanding commitment to strengthening the Navy's relationship with the Members of Congress during a turbulent time for our country and institutions as the world navigated a global pandemic that fundamentally changed the way we all interact, communicate,

and live. As COVID-19 brought some organizations to a complete stand-still, Rear Admiral Joyner found new and innovative ways to keep open the lines of communication between the Department of the Navy and Congress, ensuring that the work we do on behalf of the Nation, our sailors, marines and their families went on.

As the first woman ever to command a Super Hornet squadron and then Carrier Air Wing, with a career legacy of breaking down barriers, it is no surprise Rear Admiral Joyner brings tenacity to any job, a quality both necessary and appreciated here on Capitol Hill. She understood the importance of maintaining a strong partnership between senior Navy leadership and the Hill, and never shied away from tough conversations. With enormous pride, she shared the wonderful stories and accomplishments of our sailors and marines, while also representing the Navy with professionalism and grace when the news was not good and, at times even heartbreaking.

Rear Admiral Joyner has a clear-eyed understanding of our Nation's resurgent adversaries and the future implications for our maritime forces, specifically about the Columbia-class, shipbuilding, maintenance, and technology; a great spirit, she was fond of laughing about how a naval aviator could spend so much time talking about submarines. Her team is the reason senior Navy leaders are always well prepared in hearings, calls, and briefings.

Rear Admiral Joyner's team has worked tirelessly to educate the Members of Congress and our staff on the challenging issues facing the Department of the Navy, support hearings on vital issues, ensure the annual National Defense Authorization Acts are thoughtfully developed, as well as assist with providing diligence to the countless requests for assistance from our constituents. Her liaisons escorted congressional delegations on travel around the world with professionalism and a remarkable level of attention to the smallest details. On behalf of my colleagues and the entire U.S. Senate, I want to personally thank Rear Admiral Sara Joyner for her more than three decades of dedicated service to the Navy and our Nation. She will certainly be missed. I especially want to recognize and thank her incredibly supportive husband, James, and children Sara and Mark, and wish them "fair winds and following seas."

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES HOUGH

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Dr. James Hough of Lewis and Clark County as Montanan of the Month for his compassion and kindness toward his fellow Montana veterans and his dedication to providing them with the quality care they deserve.

Dr. Hough began his career of service at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, and was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for Excellence in Anesthesia and Pain Management. He began his work serving as the only pain management provider in Montana for the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2018. Dr. Hough started with just a few patients, and over the past few years, he has rapidly expanded his reach, having a meaningful impact on the lives of thousands of Montana veterans across the State.

One of Dr. Hough's many success stories is with a veteran from Billings who was in a wheelchair and in low spirits thinking his quality of life would never improve. He and his wife took regular trips from Billings to visit Dr. Hough for consultations and procedures. Dr. Hough's patient progressively moved from a wheelchair, to a walker, to a cane, and eventually needing little to no support. The veteran's wife expressed how his demeanor and outlook on life was improved with Dr. Hough's help.

It is clear that Dr. Hough truly cares about his patients and ensuring many generations of Montana veterans have the quality of life they deserve. Dr. Hough truly embodies the values and spirit of a Montanan. It is my honor to recognize Dr. Hough for his service to our great State and Nation and for his dedication to improving the lives of his fellow Montana veterans. Keep up the great work, Dr. Hough. You make Montana and our country proud.●

#### RECOGNIZING CORETRANS

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week, I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the small business, CoreTrans of Somerset, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

As you all know, the legacy of the COVID-19 pandemic has burdened the global economy with tangled supply chains, drastically prolonged shipping schedules, and an insatiable level of consumer demand. Given this current climate it gives me great pleasure to honor a Kentucky small business operating on the front lines of the supply chain crisis. Founded in 2002, CoreTrans was started by Brian Whitaker, a third generation Whitaker in the transportation business. Brian and the whole team at CoreTrans have played a vital role in the recovery from the pandemic and subsequent government lockdowns and they continue to support local commerce within the community.

Brian Whitaker is the youngest of three generations of truckers. Perhaps it is that collective expertise between him and his family that has allowed Brian to lead CoreTrans through years of tremendous growth. Getting his